

Nativity of the Lord II

Year A

Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

Joy

In those days a decree went out
from Emperor Augustus that all the
world should be registered.

Luke 2:1



The Census at Bethlehem -- Pieter Brueghel the Elder, Brussels Museum of Fine Arts, Brussels, Belgium

Joseph went ... to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

Luke 2:4ac



Difficult Journey – Transition to Bethlehem – Fritz von Uhde, Neue Pinakothek, Munich, Germany

He went to be registered with
Mary, to whom he was engaged
and who was expecting a child.

Luke 2:5



On the Eve of the Birth of Christ -- Michael Reiser, Austrian, 1869

While they were there, the time
came for her to deliver her child.

Luke 2:6



No Room in the Inn -- Peter Busch, Sand sculpture, Canary Islands, Spain

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7



Inuit Nativity -- Padron House Museum, Galdar, Spain

In that region there were shepherds
living in the fields, keeping watch
over their flock by night.

Luke 2:8



The Good Shepherd -- Henry Ossawa Tanner, Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers, NJ

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Luke 2:9



Annunciation to the Shepherds

Heinrich Vogeler

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

Luke 2:10



Joy to the World, the Lord is Come -- Illustration from Dem. Republic of Congo

to you is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is the Messiah,
the Lord.

Luke 2:11



Christ is Born

Father Georges Saget
Keur Moussa Abbey
Keur Moussa, Senegal

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:12

Birth of Christ
Martin Schongauer
Gemaldegalerie
Berlin, Germany



And suddenly there was with the
angel a multitude of the heavenly
host, praising God and saying,

Luke 2:13

Filipino painting
from display of
enculturated sacred
art

Manila Cathedral
Manila, Philippines



"Glory to God in the highest
heaven, and on earth peace
among those whom he favors!"

Luke 2:14

Annunciation to the
Shepherds

Les Tres Riches Heures
du duc de Berry
Musée Condé
Chantilly, France



... the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

Luke 2:15b



Birth of Jesus with the Shepherds -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

So they went with haste and found
Mary and Joseph, and the child
lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16



Adoration of the Child -- Gerard van Honthorst, Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed ...

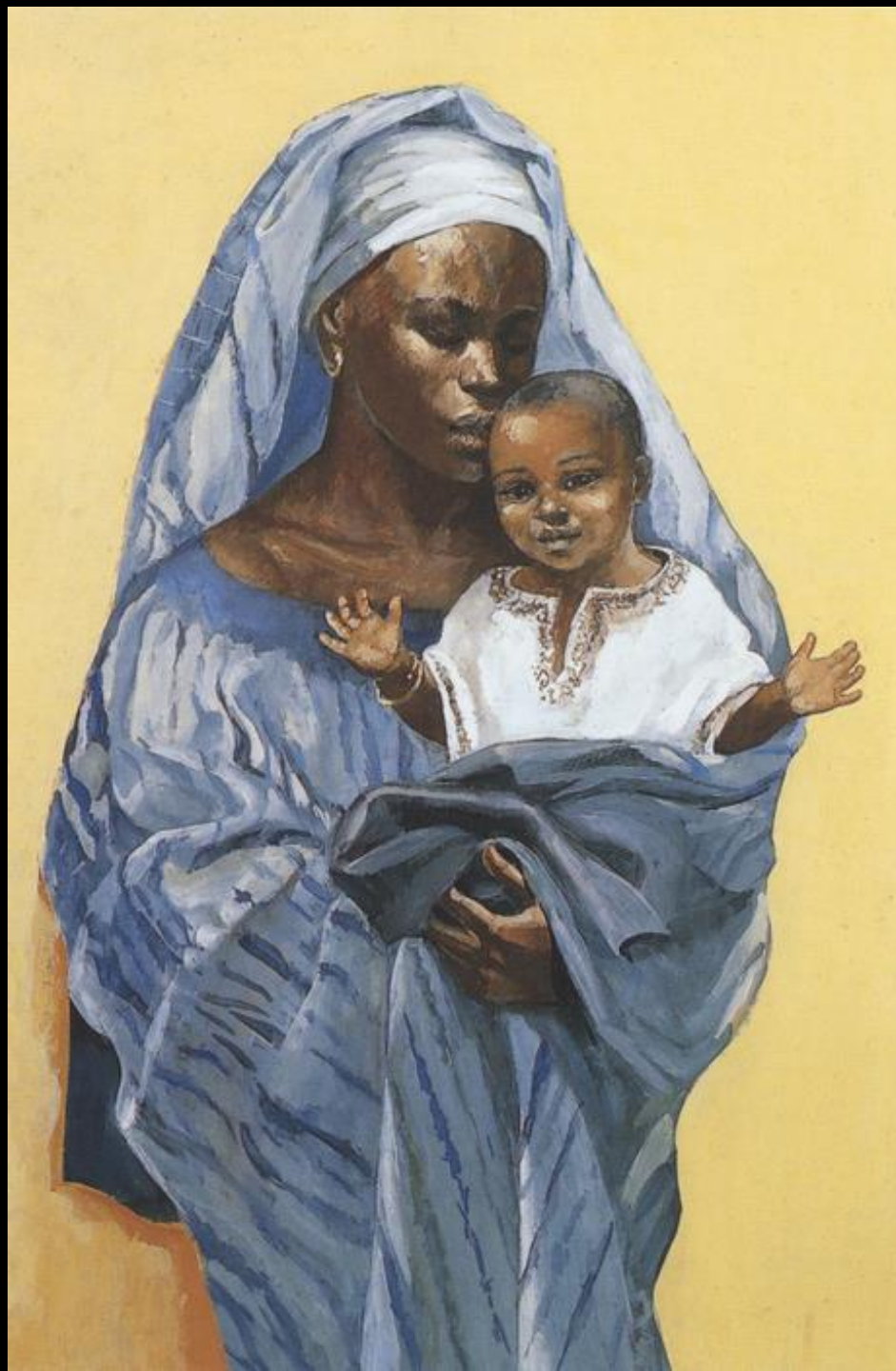
Luke 2:17, 18a



Nativity from a church in Kenya

But Mary treasured all these words
and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2:19



Madonna and Child

JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

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